

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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Which meeting did you attend? Wago Corn Center - June 17

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-018-001

In section 34 - Wago Township - block 170 - we
would like to see both lines combined

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I-018-001

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Please tell us how to reach you.

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☐ Other: My property value will go down

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People and the lives they have built
and put their heart + soul into it.

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I-019-001

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I-019-002

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We bought property as a retreat & the
view. It will ruin it. My health

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Our farm address is 46728 135th
Ave Sumbrota. The one line
is going on the back of our property

Go down 52 or down 35 to
90 over to Rochester

I-019-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Put it underground! Noone wants to look at a powerline.

I'm sure you already have it figured out but I hope you listen to us.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-020-001 | Our property is located in Mazepa Township ~~Section 27~~ and
I-020-004 | in Oakwood Township 27 (both in Wabasha County). The proposed
transmission line crosses the middle of the farm in Oakwood Township.
Establishing a conservation easement on this property is in progress.
I-020-003 | The line also crosses within 50 yards of our house in Mazepa
Township. Health and aesthetic issues are a concern. Even though
it is thought that EMF does not cause disease, proof that it
does not interfere with body physiology has not been proven. Living
that close to the lines gives me reason for concern.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

I-020-005 | Human - The proposed line in Mazepa Township (Wabasha County)
crosses past many residential areas, including Lake Zumbro
and a recreational campground. This affects a large number
of people. Both by EMF and the aesthetic problem in a
unique and beautiful setting, including abundant
wildlife.

I-020-001

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-020-002

Yes, I have no argument that more electricity is needed. However, I am concerned with the proposed route of the line. I question why a better method of protection has not been developed to safeguard health issues from EMF. Perhaps burying the line or a better method of insulation might be beneficial.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: *Vivian H. Maxwell*

Representing (Optional):

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City: *Orono* State: *MI* Zip Code: *55960*

Daytime Phone (Optional): *507-843-2684*

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I-020-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-020-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-020-002.

I-020-004

Your letter/comment card has been noted. In addition to health and safety, potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-020-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

CapX2020 Environmental Concerns

Section B32 of the proposed CapX power line runs along the southern border of our property. The entire area of which consists of woods and a fencerow. The fencerow is a stand of 100-year-old oak trees. These trees, along with a wide swatch of grass underneath, have been left undisturbed for years and for good reason. It provides habitat for pheasants, deer, turkeys and birds. Bees nest in multiple trees and migrating Monarch butterflies use it to rest during migration. Sitting high on a ridge, the fencerow provides a much-needed windbreak to prevent land erosion.

We purchased this land in 1996. Shortly after purchase we enrolled the land in the Minnesota Land Stewardship program. Our desire to protect this land was our intent, and now more than ever remains our passion. In our opinion, optional routes along roads and exiting easements should be used for the proposed power line.

Consider the current environmental conditions. Bee's; a vital link in our existence are on the decline. Pheasants find fewer places to inhabit due to fewer fencerows and a decline in CRP acres. Think about all the efforts and money spent by the ASCS to limit land erosion. Groups like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited and the Sierra club, donate large amounts of time and dollars to protect and provide habitat. Who hasn't been exposed to today's hottest buzzwords, "Going Green" and "environmentally friendly"?

To ignore such efforts and build a power line forever destroying vital habitat would be a shame. To hold public environmental meetings only to proceed without total regard to public interest would be hypocrisy. To disrupt the ecosystem when other options are available would demonstrate profound irresponsibility.

"To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent thinking".
Aldo Leopold.

Daniel & Jane McCann
55743 299th Ave.
Millville MN 55957

I-021-001

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I-021-002

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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36885 County 24 Blvd
Dennison, MN 55018
June 17, 2009

MS Stephanie Strength
Environmental Protection Specialist
United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Utilities Service
Engineering and Environmental Staff
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Stop 1571
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Dear MS Strength:

Attached is a document I prepared describing how electric transmission lines affect the various farming practices. Many of the decision makers do not have a farm background, so I thought it was important to explain in detail a farmer's point of view.

I am a retired federal employee living on our home farm. I was the Minnesota state design engineer for the Soil Conservation Service, USDA; retiring after 32 years of service. The agency is known as the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

If you have any further questions on my written concerns and observations, please give me a call. My telephone number is 507-789-6765. We need to protect our clean water and good cropland because hard working farmers are trying to provide a reliable food and bio-fuel supply while protecting the innumerable fragile natural resources of our community.

Sincerely,


Howard C. Midje

Witnessed June 17th, 2009

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We are Louise and Howard Midje who farm in Warsaw township, Goodhue County. We have two parcels which transect continuously one and one-half miles perpendicular to one of the alternative CAPX2020 transmission line. We will discuss how a transmission line across our property will interrupt most of our farming practices. It is extremely important that when selecting the line location to not divide farms! The farm property lines should be strictly observed. The practices of concern are as follows:

1. Contour Terraces

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I-022-001

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3. Center Pivot Irrigation.

I-022-002

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I-022-007

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I-022-003

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I-022-002

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-022-001.

I-022-003

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-022-003

machinery? The manufacturers of agricultural GPS guidance systems tell us that electrical transmission lines and petroleum pipe lines energized to detect leaks can interfere with GPS guidance systems. How does a farmer determine the cost of damages caused by the transmission lines on his property when he relies on GPS guidance systems?

I-022-008

5. Effects of Livestock

We do not have any livestock on our farm, but many of our neighbors do. It is well known that stray current has an effect of livestock in confinement. Grazing livestock in pastures are also affected by the electromagnet field generated by the overhead transmission lines. Research work has been done in Germany where numerous transmission lines run in the east-west direction. The research has been done by a team directed by Hynek Burda and Sabine Begall. I'm sure many of our neighbors with livestock have additional information on the effects on livestock.

Summary

In summary, I would like to bring to your attention to a picture I found (see the following page) with a caption that reads:

WHAT A DAY

A Tangled Mess

Despite a wide-open field and ideal spring conditions
this seeding rig found itself snarled amongst power
lines. Planting came to a halt as well as the electrical
supply of those on the power grid.

Obviously the GPS guidance system failed within the electromagnetic field or the hired help failed to estimate the width of his equipment. This raises an other question! How high should a farmer raise his liability insurance to cover an accident, such as this when his hired operator knocks down a power grid pole. Keep in mind, the farming businesses are now operating on a small margin of profit.

I-022-004

How does a farmer determine the total cost of the interference to his farm practices due to the presence of the electric transmission line on his farm? Does he have any other viable option than to have CapX2020 buy his/her entire farming operation?

By: Howard C. Midje 6-9-09

Minnesota State Design Engineer, Retired - Soil Conservation Service, USDA

Presently: Natural Resource Conservation Service NRCS - USDA

I-022-004

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

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I-022-007

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I-022-008

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If you've had one of those days—or caught someone else's on film—we'd love to share it with our readers. E-mail high-resolution images to khumphreys@farmjournal.com, or mail prints or slides to *What a Day!*, FARM JOURNAL, P.O. Box 958, Mexico, MO 65265. Photos for publication will be selected on a first-come basis.

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machinery? The manufacturers of agricultural GPS guidance systems tell us that electrical transmission lines and petroleum pipe lines energized to detect leaks can interfere with GPS guidance systems. How does a farmer determine the cost of damages caused by the transmission lines on his property when he relies on GPS guidance systems?

5. Effects of Livestock

We do not have any livestock on our farm, but many of our neighbors do. It is well known that stray current has an effect of livestock in confinement. Grazing livestock in pastures are also affected by the electromagnetic field generated by the overhead transmission lines. Research work has been done in Germany where numerous transmission lines run in the east-west direction. The research has been done by a team directed by Hynek Burda and Sabine Begall. I'm sure many of our neighbors with livestock have additional information on the effects on livestock.

Summary

In summary, I would like to bring to your attention to a picture I found (see the following page) with a caption that reads:

WHAT A DAY

A Tangled Mess

Despite a wide-open field and ideal spring conditions
this seeding rig found itself snarled amongst power
lines. Planting came to a halt as well as the electrical
supply of those on the power grid.

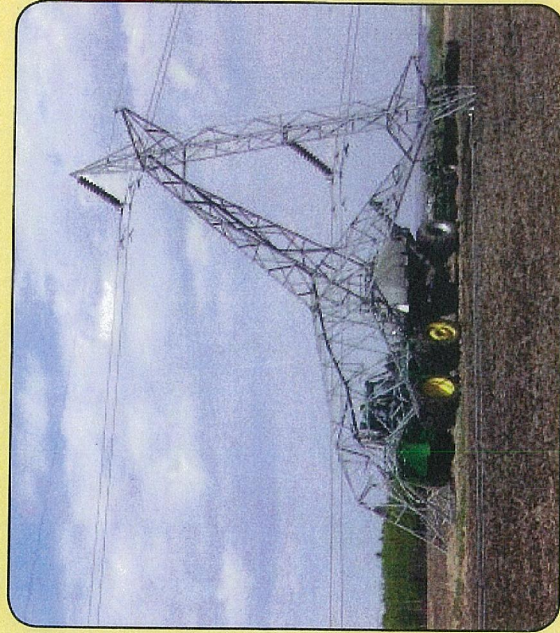
Obviously the GPS guidance system failed within the electromagnetic field or the hired help failed to estimate the width of his equipment. This raises an other question! How high should a farmer raise his liability insurance to cover an accident, such as this when his hired operator knocks down a power grid pole. Keep in mind, the farming businesses are now operating on a small margin of profit.

How does a farmer determine the total cost of the interference to his farm practices due to the presence of the electric transmission line on his farm? Does he have any other viable option than to have CapX2020 buy his/her entire farming operation?

By: Howard C. Midje 6-9-09

Minnesota State Design Engineer, Retired - Soil Conservation Service, USDA

Presently: Natural Resource Conservation Service NRCS - USDA



What a Day!

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If you've had one of those days—or caught someone else's on film—we'd love to share it with our readers. E-mail high-resolution images to khumphreys@farmjournal.com, or mail prints or slides to *What a Day!*, FARM JOURNAL, P.O. Box 958, Mexico, MO 65265. Photos for publication will be selected on a first-come basis.

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW MW - 6-16-09

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- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-023-001

My property is located in Mayaguez Township sec 27 and in Oakwood Township sec 27. The one proposed Transmission line crosses the middle of the farm in Oakwood Township. I am in the process of establishing a conservation easement on this property. The line also crosses within 50 yds of my home in Mayaguez Township and I am concerned to health & aesthetic issues. I am aware EMF does not cause disease, but can interfere with body physiology & I feel there can be definite problems living that close to the power line.

I-023-004

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Natural & human resources. I think the natural look of the area needs to be preserved as much as possible. Also human needs have to be met. The proposed line across the north part of Lake Zumbro crosses close to many residents, the lake recreational area and camp grounds as well. This route follows close to the Zumbro River Valley, which is one of the most scenic areas of southeast MN. It is unreasonable to destroy this beauty with a powerline that could easily be run along a road or railway.

I-023-001

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-023-003

I-023-002

Yes! I can not argue with the need of more electricity, but I am concerned with the route of the line. I am also concerned as to why a better method of protection from EMF has not been developed. Perhaps a better method of insulation or burying the line would be beneficial. It should also be routed thru an area where there is already power lines, roads, railways etc, not thru more remote natural beauty. Unfortunately we have very little nature that hasn't been destroyed.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-023-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-023-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-023-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? June 16, 2009 Plainview

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- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

We live 1/4 mile west of Cty 11 & 1/4 mile south of Cty 2
There are number of residences close to proposed route,
that will be extremely close to the proposed 340 kv line.
We prefer B120 as the route. 2nd choice would be
B119 the B117 line.

Other wise we would like to discuss a way to route
just around the residences to the west, so basically
part of B117.

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I-024-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
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I-024-001

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Which meeting did you attend? St. Charles

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-025-001

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

We have an electric fence
which runs parallel to the proposed
line for one-half mile

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Agriculture land

I-025-001

I think it should follow the I-90
corridor. MN DOT needs to be made
to allow it.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Blank lined paper for writing.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Which meeting did you attend? Wausau MN (June 17, 2009)

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety

☒ Other: Distribution Grid and Reliability of Power Sources

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Full description of Distribution GRID defining all Power Sources and Grid detail that answer Reliability concerns, even during major and repeat disaster such as equipment failure, Natural disaster, terrorist activities etc. GRID Reliability etc.

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I-026-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-026-001

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Continuous, flexible power source.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Other comment addresses impacts of EMF

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Which meeting did you attend? WANAMINGO (JUNE 17, 2009)

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise

#1 ☒ Health and safety

#2 ☒ Other: EMF correlation with the GSD

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

#1) Health issues resulting from continuous exposure to EMF does not have sufficient medical confirmation from any reputable FIAM, so I believe the CAPX2020 communities are sidestepping a primary concern of much of the population near the ~~the~~ routes proposal. This issue must be addressed with data from studies that will provide ~~the~~ medical evidence that EMF is a 1) primary concern, a 2) moderate concern, or a 3) minor concern.

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I-027-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-027-001

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Residential Property within limits of Hwy 52
in MO. Leon Township*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Biological Impacts to Avian and Plant Life
due to EMT*

I-027-002

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes - but better describe the sources of power feeding
this single transmission line

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-027-002

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid.

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

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Which meeting did you attend? Plainville MA, June 16, 2009

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☐ Historic and cultural sites

☒ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Why not run most of the lines down Hwy 52 to Rochester?

Why are 345/161 combo lines being funneled through a narrow densely populated area around Orangetown Co 12 area when there is a straighter route that is less densely populated to the North?

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I-028-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-028-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-028-001

I-028-002

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Other: *run off pond & dam* ^{earthen}

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Section 10 Oranoro Township (see attached map) Most of my property is a valley area that slopes down to the Zumbro River. The valley is an area that funnels run off from a large watershed area into the Zumbro. An earthen dam was built over 25 yrs ago to control erosion, run-off and silt going into the Zumbro. Behind the dam is a stormwater retention pond that is full most of the year. I believe it was constructed by the Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

This run off pond is a nesting area for ducks and is used by area wildlife as a water source. The wide valley going down to the Zumbro is frequented by turkeys, raptors, pheasants, deer. There are eagles nesting on the cliffs by the Zumbro and they use the open valley and prevailing winds as a fly way.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-028-003

Yes, it was. It's just that the info changes etc. keep changing and ~~it is not~~ the changes over time are not always communicated in a timely manner.

I-028-004

X Avoid B102 because ^{under it is} ~~it is~~ a major run-off drainage area with extremely deep ditches. The drainage is directly under the route.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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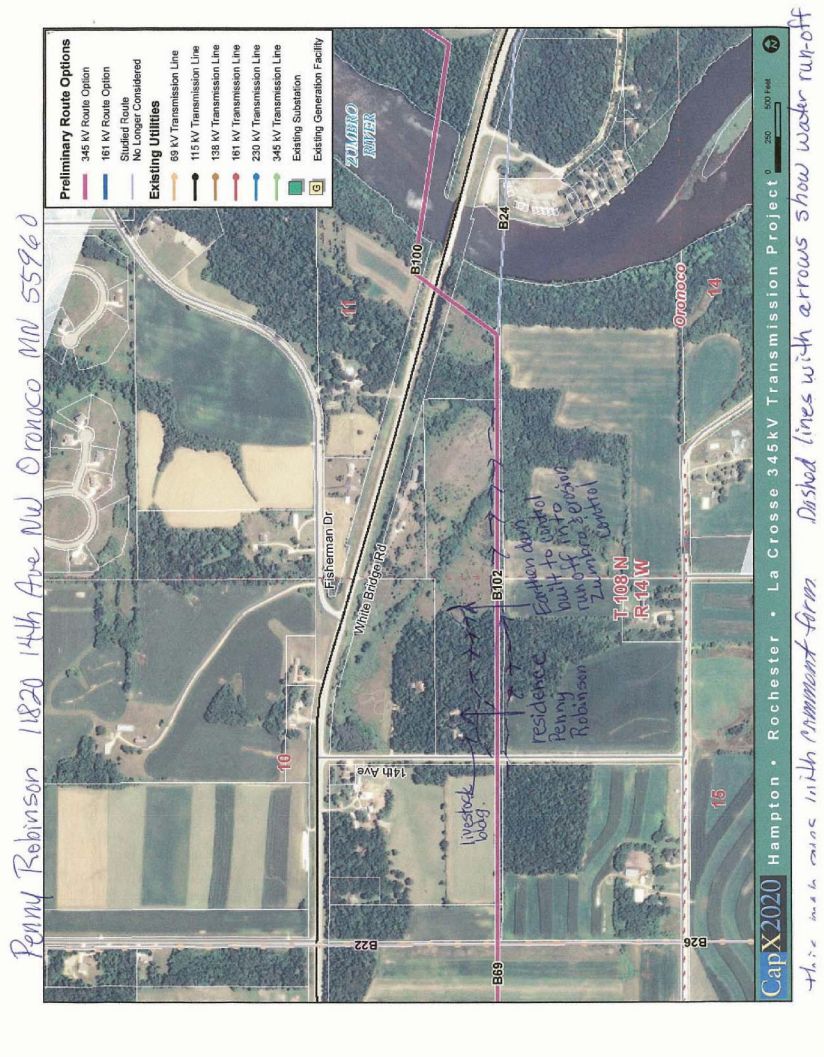
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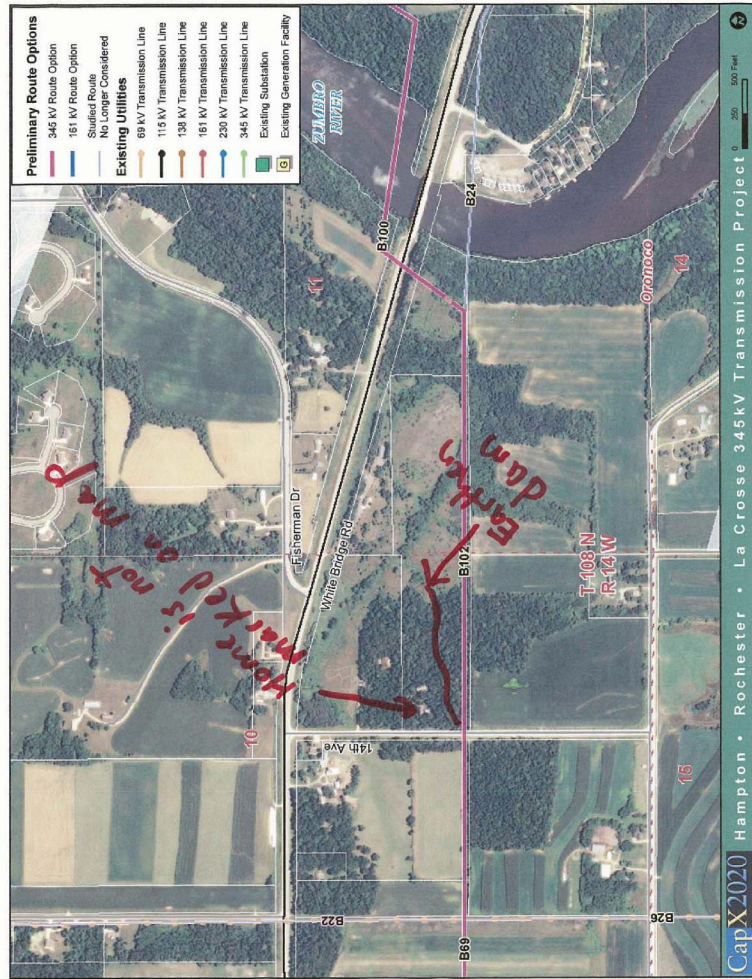
Your comment has been noted. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

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I-028-004

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.





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MAZEPPA TOWNSHIP ALONG COUNTY HWY 1 ON TOWNSHIP
ROAD T191 ALONG THE PROPOSED LINE FROM
PINE ISLAND EAST. (THE MIDDLE PROPOSED LINE)

I-029-001

-MY CONCERN IS THAT THE SOUTH PROPOSED LINE FROM
PINE ISLAND EAST MAKES MORE SENSE. IT WOULD
FOLLOW HWY 52 SOUTH THEN GO EAST @ DONOLO.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

AGRICULTURE, HOMES, NATURAL RESOURCES

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-029-002

IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT MORE DENSE POPULATED
AREAS USE MORE OF THE POWER & THE PROPOSED
LINE ROUTES HAD TO GO WHERE THERE IS
LESS POPULATION. IT WILL GET PUSHED OUT IN
THE COUNTRY SO THE CITY POPULATION DOES NOT
HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT BUT THEY WILL BE USING
MORE OF THE POWER.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-029-002

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- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-030-001 | Fair market value of my home. If my land/home
is claimed now, it does not have the value it
will when the economy rebounds. How much
money will I lose - I would be able to
afford moving my family & animals.

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I-030-001

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

1. 在 2015 年 12 月 31 日，公司资产总额为 100 万元，负债总额为 40 万元。2016 年 1 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 110 万元，负债总额为 50 万元。2016 年 2 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 120 万元，负债总额为 60 万元。2016 年 3 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 130 万元，负债总额为 70 万元。2016 年 4 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 140 万元，负债总额为 80 万元。2016 年 5 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 150 万元，负债总额为 90 万元。2016 年 6 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 160 万元，负债总额为 100 万元。2016 年 7 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 170 万元，负债总额为 110 万元。2016 年 8 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 180 万元，负债总额为 120 万元。2016 年 9 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 190 万元，负债总额为 130 万元。2016 年 10 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 200 万元，负债总额为 140 万元。2016 年 11 月 1 日，公司资产总额为 210 万元，负债总额为 150 万元。2016 年 12 月 31 日，公司资产总额为 220 万元，负债总额为 160 万元。

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

DO NOT USE EMINATE DOMAIN ON PRIVATE FARMLAND

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

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I-031-001 | THE FARM IS A CENTURY FARM SINCE ABOUT 1895. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING A LINE THROUGH THE CENTER OF IT WE HAVE LIVESTOCK AND HAY SO WE ARE WORKING IN FIELDS ALL SUMMER - NOT JUST SPRING + FALL. THE LINE WOULD ALSO BE CLOSE TO HOUSE - MY WIFE SAYS SHE WILL NOT LIVE IN HOUSE IF THEY BUILD LINE. SO IT COULD DESTROY THE FARM AND CAUSE A DIVORCE. WE ALSO HAVE LIVESTOCK AND ELECTRIC FENCE UNDER LINE. ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD IS REPORTED TO CAUSE ABORTIONS AND CAUSE FENCE PROBLEMS. THIS IS IN SECTION 13 PINE ISLAND TOWNSHIP GOODHUE CO.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

I-031-002 | ALSO IN THIS AREA THE LINE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF FARMS FOR 2-3 MILES - NOT ON PROPERTY LINES
I-031-003 | THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL LARGE SINKHOLES ALONG THIS ROUTE - THERE IS ALSO A OIL PIPELINE
I-031-004 | OVER 30 YEARS OLD ALONG THIS LINE.

I-031-005 | THIS LINE COULD FOLLOW MAJOR HIGHWAYS LIKE 35 W. NORTH FIELDS / OWATONNA DOWN TO I-90 THEN EAST ALONG I-90. NOT CROSS ALL PRIVATE LAND

I-031-001

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-031-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-031-003

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-031-004

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-031-005

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-031-006

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE COAL IN WESTERN
DAKOTA

THE RAILROAD WANTS TO HAUL THE COAL
EAST

YOU WANT TO BUILD A POWERLINE AND
TRANSPORT IT WITH ELECTRICITY

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-031-006

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid.

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVILLE

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☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

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☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-032-001 | LINE SHOULD FOLLOW MAJOR HIGHWAYS

I-032-002 | NOT CROSS AND DIVIDE CENTURY FARM

AND GO CLOSE TO HOUSES

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I-032-001

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I-032-002

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: Livestock

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DIVIDE CENTURY FARM

SEVERAL LARGE SINK HOLES ON PROPERTY

CLOSE TO HOUSE

LIVESTOCK UNDER LINE

OIL PIPE LINE

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PRIVATE PROPERTY

DIVIDING PARCELS

CLOSE TO HOUSES

I-032-003

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I-032-004

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-032-003

I-032-004

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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